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## **AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

## **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated February 17, 2004, for which a response was due on May 17, 2004. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a one month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to June 17, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.